



Did you know?

Your child practises new skills every day.

Your child is starting to match objects and recognise similarities and differences.

The more words children hear, the more they learn to say.

Your child can follow a few simple instructions and identify familiar objects.

Exploring and touching are ways your child learns.

Your child will want to choose books and can help you turn the pages.

Your child enjoys being with other children.

What can you do now?

Take time every day to look at, listen to and read with your child.

Name the objects at which your child points.

Teach your child animal names and noises, encouraging imitation.

Check out your local library to borrow great books and music.

Find objects, family, friends and people — in books, pictures and real life.

Have fun singing the rhymes and songs your child knows.

Try to keep TV time under 1 hour per day.

Give your child thick brushes and crayons to draw with.

Have you joined your local playgroup?

Who can help?

Family and friends.

Your doctor or community worker, childcare or playgroup staff.

Early Words website www.earlywords.info

If your child has additional needs, ask your doctor or child's special worker for more ideas.

Look out for more tips when your child is 3 years old.